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GROWTH RATE IN INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the target growth rate fixed to be achieved in infrastructure industries for the year 2004-05;

(b) the extent to which growth rate has been achieved till April, 2004;

(c) whether growth rate of some industries has declined during the first quarter of this year;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and upto what extent; and

(e) the details of steps taken by the Government to achieve growth rate in this fiscal year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (d) : Infrastructure industries comprise items/sectors like Power, Coal, Steel, Cement, Petroleum etc. The targets for them are set by the administrative ministries/ departments concerned. By and large, production targets have been achieved. The targets along with data, to the extent available from Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, on achievement/performance are furnished in the table below.

Sector	Unit	Annual Target (2004-05)	Target for Apr-May, 2004	Achievement Apr-May, 2004	Growth (in percentage) April 2004	Growth (in percentage) Apr-May 2004-05
Power	BU	566.59	94.57	97.08	10.7	6.9
Coal	MT	364.65	54.9	56.77	7.5	7.0
Steel	MT	38.55	6.28	5.93	3.0	3.3
Cement	MT	133.00	21.26	22.01	16.0	6.4
Petroleum						
(a) Crude	MT	33.15	5.57	5.73	10.7	9.4
(b) Refinery	MT	121.94	20.35	21.41	13.2	13.4

Note: BU - Billion Units; MT - Million Tonnes. Source: Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation

(e) The Government is committed to removing the inadequacies in infrastructure facilities through a mix of policy and fiscal measures. The Budget 2004-05 envisages a number of measures that, inter-alia, include setting up an Inter-Institutional Group to ensure speedy conclusion of loan agreements and implementation of infrastructure projects.